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I am responding to your inquiry dated September 20, 2002, on behalf of the constituents in your Congressional District who own and operate mobile machinery. You are concerned that a proposed change in tax regulations will adversely affect these businesses.

The tax rule you are referring to is a notice of proposed rulemaking on the definition of a highway vehicle for federal excise tax purposes. This proposed rule appeared in the Federal Register on June 6, 2002 (copy enclosed).

I appreciate your concern in this matter. We will consider your comments before we finalize the proposed rule. If you have any questions, please contact me at

Sincerely,

Associate Chief Counsel (Passthroughs and Special Industries)

By:

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Enclosure